Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-27. (Canceled)

28.   (Currently Amended)   A method for use in a subscriber unit for supporting a plurality of communication rates with a base station, the method comprising:

establishing an initial communication link with a base station;

at time intervals, determining a data rate required to support a first communication by the subscriber unit; and

allocating by the subscriber unit, responsive to the determining step, a sufficient number of communication channels for transmission at said data rate whereby; a re-allocation of communication channels is performed should the required data rate change;

wherein, at least one of the communication channels carries time multiplexed signaling information and power control information.

29.   (Previously Presented)   A code division multiple access (CDMA) subscriber unit comprising:

an antenna; and

a circuit coupled to the antenna, the circuit being configured to establish an initial communication link with a base station, the circuit being configured to determine a data rate required to support a first communication at time intervals,

wherein, in response to determining the data rate required to support the first communication, a sufficient number of communication channels for transmission at the data rate are allocated;

the circuit being further configured to reallocate the communication channels should the required data rate change;

wherein, at least one of the communication channels carries time multiplexed signaling information and power control information.